

1 with disabilities and to assess and ensure the effectiveness of  
2 efforts to educate children with disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Since 1975, Federal law has authorized Congress to  
4 provide 40% of the average per pupil expenditure; and

5 WHEREAS, Congress continued the 40% funding authority in the  
6 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act amendments of 1997  
7 (Public Law 105-17, 111 Stat. 37); and

8 WHEREAS, Congress has never appropriated funds equivalent to  
9 the authorized level, has never exceeded the 15% funding level  
10 and has usually appropriated funding at approximately the 10%  
11 level; and

12 WHEREAS, The lack of an adequate and appropriate Federal  
13 fiscal commitment leaves State and local taxpayers bearing a  
14 disproportionate share of the costs to comply with these Federal  
15 mandates; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and Congress to  
18 fully fund its obligations under the Individuals with  
19 Disabilities Education Act; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
21 the President, the presiding officers of each house of Congress  
22 and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.